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PROMOTION OF FLORICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch any scheme to promote floriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Government of India implemented a Central Sector Scheme onCommercial Floriculture during 8th and 9th Five Year Plan till October, 2000. The scheme provided for quality planting material through model floriculture centres and nurseries, training of entrepreneurs, green houses, on-farm handling units and area expansion. The scheme has now been subsumed in Centrally Sponsored Scheme`Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of Statesefforts through work plan`. The States can pursue the programmes relating to promotion of floriculture under the scheme. The scheme provides greater flexibility to States in prioritizing their needs.

Besides, National Horticulture Board under its scheme `Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-harvest management` provides assistance in the form of capital subsidy @ 20% of total project cost with maximum limit of Rs.25 lakhs. The floriculture programme can be taken under the scheme.